

Amendment to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A form identification method of identifying types of forms, comprising the steps of:

extracting one or a plurality of cells, lines, or character lines included in an inputted form from the inputted form;

extracting ~~a coordinate~~ one or a plurality of coordinates, as an ~~input feature~~ one or a plurality of inputted features, of a center of each of the cells, lines, or character lines as said one or a plurality of features of the form;

rotating either said ~~inputted feature~~ one or a plurality of inputted features or a registered feature of a form which has previously been registered on a 90° unit basis;

correcting said ~~inputted feature~~ one or a plurality of inputted features by a micro angle on the basis of a micro inclination angle detected from the cells, lines or character lines;

checking a matching of the ~~inputted feature~~ one or a plurality of inputted features with the registered feature;

setting the angle at which said ~~inputted feature~~ one or a plurality of inputted features most coincides with said registered feature to a direction of the inputted form; and

setting the type of form having the most coincident registered feature to a form identification result.

2. (original) A method according to claim 1, wherein the direction of the inputted form having said most coincident angle is outputted.

3. – 5. (canceled)